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Summary Proceedings

Health Information Infrastructure Board Meeting (HIIAB)

Clarion Sea Tac Hotel

Thursday, July 27, 2006, 1:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Members Present

Wendy Carr, V. Marc Droppert, Thomas Fritz, James Hereford, Jeffrey Hummel, Hugh Maloney, David Masuda, Richard Onizuka, Gary Robinson, Ed Singler, and Alexis Wilson.

HCA Board Staff and Consultant

Juan Alaniz, Kelly Llewellyn, Ruth McIntosh and Dr. William Yasnoff

Board Members Not Present

Marcus Pierson

Interested Parties Attending

Tom Byron, Washington State Hospital Association; David Deichert, Bastyr Center of Natural Health; Tom Jones, Community Choice PHCO; Jim King, Department of Labor and Industries; Roy LaCroix, PTSO of Washington; Steve MacDonald, Washington State Department of Health; Steve Moe, Consultant; Paul Nichol, Department of Veteran Affairs; Bob Perna, Washington State Medical Association; Rick Rubin, OneHealthPort; Karen Hartmann-Voss, Inland Northwest Health Services; and Vicki Wilson, Consumer.

Call to Order, Review and Approval of Minutes and Announcements

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by V. Marc Droppert, Chair.

The June 22, 2006 meeting summary (minutes) was called to be moved, seconded and approved. All agenda items were adopted by V. Marc Droppert, Chair and the Board.

Subcommittee Brief Back

Reports and Update Status

Juan Alaniz updated the Board about the current activities HCA has been involved with.

- **Stakeholder Meetings** Participated with the Yakima and Thurston-Mason communities during the month of June and July 2006.

HIIAB Deliberations on Subcommittee Work:

An overall assessment of that initiative is pending.

Discuss Framework for Final Report and Outline

Bill Yasnoff began the discussion by identifying the headings for the outline and the framework for the final report. Marc Droppert and other Board members suggested a few items that should be included in the outline and discussed in the text of the report.

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In identifying the headings for the report, the Board engaged in discussions in several areas. One area of discussion was on the value proposition and case that must be made and understood.

Marc Droppert also suggested that the Board needs to look at a statewide staged implementation strategy for the proposed HII. Additionally, the economics of the implementation must be convincing and feasible so that vendors can be willing to support and creatively fit into the proposed solutions. There was considerable discussion on the topic and outline heading regarding incentives and (provider) practice redesign. Practice redesign must be the evolution that must occur with HealthIT and any proposed HII that will make providers' practice efficient and help contribute to one aspect of the health care problem. Another discussion item was around the issue of incentives for participation in the proposed statewide HII model. Bill Yasnoff suggested that these kinds of incentives (for initial participation) should be temporary for the following reasons: 1) it should only be in existence long enough to serve the purpose of making health care data available and 2) It should be offered to accomplish adoption of EMRs by physicians which is a more logical and sensible way to pay for quality.

Dr. Yasnoff reiterated that the charter from the legislation identifies incentives for the use of electronic medical records. He suggested if this is the case, we should identify it as a potential incentive case, and will amplify on this issue at a later date. There was some discussion to clarify the outline topic of proposed solutions – the health record banking model. The discussion clarified that this model is a voluntary choice and people are not going to be required to participate.

Preliminary Discussions: “Strategy and Road Map Development – How do we get there?”

Juan Alaniz and Marc Droppert introduced this topic to the Board to put some emphasis on the need to continue development of the “strategy” component from where we are now to the desired state. The “middle” of the Target Statement needs further development and the same amount of attention given to the global statewide HII strategy. The work of the subcommittees may help identify some of those in between areas, and the issue will be revisited as additional subcommittee work progresses. Some other strategy areas that were discussed for later consideration are the buy-in approaches for stakeholders, the private sectors and state policy makers.

Other Comments

- “How to sell this HII and EMR to the consumers?”
- Identify what the range of services will be to allow the scope of recommendations.

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- “What and how will adoption of HII and EMR improve the reimbursement to stakeholders?”
- Banking models and bank cards – James Hereford suggested use of testimonials in support of the established model.

Interested Parties and Public Comments

Steve McDonald, Washington State Department of Health

Mr. McDonald asked: “I wonder if it is worth asking whether the issues of citations and authorization services of the centralized models are similar to the record locator services or is it a well known fact that all have quality efficiencies for the decentralized model even every individual record?” Jeff Hummel stated what his understanding and his vision was for oversight and identified where there are still unanswered issues that the subcommittee is still addressing. Bill Yasnoff also stated that oversight standards would be in place and can be audited. Jeff Hummel addressed other technical points about the account locator service being available to the public, and that its standards would be in a place that could be authenticated. He also mentioned it would work along the lines of banks work now. Several other questions arose as part of the response by the Board and Dr. Yasnoff and Jeff Hummel addressed these and relating most of them to being part of the oversight functions that would also be auditable.

Wrap Up, Assignments and Adjournment

The technical and infrastructure subcommittee will make a recommendation to the Board regarding their collective data at the next scheduled meeting on August 24, 2006. The subcommittee will then discuss how to identify and transfer the information to and from health record banks using the account locator. Bill Yasnoff will create a document for further discussion around this that also includes identifying and transferring data information from the subcommittees as well.

It was recommended to have the Technical & Infrastructure and Organization & Governance meeting for the first session during the scheduled subcommittee meeting times. The subcommittees will meet again the morning of August 24, 2006.

The Board suggested a change for October 26 and November 16 HIIAB meetings to October 12 and November 2. The proposed changes will be considered and an update will be discussed at the next meeting.

The next schedule HIIAB meeting will be held on Thursday, August 24, 2006 at the Clarion SeaTac Hotel. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.